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Re your telegram 237, June 30, touching on Somoza's fear Castillo Armas will be at disadvantage in conference with Monzon, Embassy knows of no (repeat no) basis for this assumption. Monzon is taking with him as legal advisers Edugardo Caceres Lehnhoff, outstanding anti-Communist and former unofficial leader of opposition bloc of deputies in congress and Juan Ibarra, President of Guatemalan Bar Association (1953), a highly conservative body. Ibarra has been active in anti-Communist movement at least since 1948 when he was officer of Guatemalan Democratic League against Communism.

I am convinced Monzon and associates are sincerely anti-Communist and are doing best they can in short time to clean up Communist mess in Guatemala. I am sure it will be understood that results of years of Communist infiltration will require more than 24 hours to eradicate. It is essential for peace and stability of Guatemala that Castillo Armas and Monzon reach amicable agreement in upcoming talks in Salvador and that any attempt sow dissension be neutralized.

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Junta has announced following appointments:

Colonel Raul Reyna Rosal, Minister of Public Finance.

Gabriel Orellana, Manager Information.

Salvador Saravia, Manager Social Security Institute.

Ricardo Herrera, Secretary General of Junta.

Carlos Gutierrez Custodio, President Court of Accounts.

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